GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:35
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2005
STRIKE IN BRICK KILN INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government is aware that brick kiln industries located throughout the country are on strike and lying closed on account of the policies of the Government and as a result lakhs of poor workers have been rendered jobless and are on the verge of starvation;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether rural construction projects and development schemes are getting adversely affected due to the closure of Brick Kiln industry; and

(d): if so, the reasons for not resolving the matters so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)to(d): A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO PART (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 35 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2005.

(a)&(b): State Pollution Control Boards in various States have issued show cause notices and cancelled the consent letters issued to brick kiln units which are located within 100 kms of coal and lignite-based thermal power stations and are not complying with the provisions of notification No. SO 763(E) dated 14.09.1999 of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, relating to conservation of soil and utilization of fly ash in the manufacture of building materials, including bricks. Against the enforcement of the above-mentioned notification, it has been reported that brick manufacturers went on strike in some of the States like Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana. There is no information regarding such units lying closed on account of this notification.

(c)&(d): The Central Government has not been informed of any rural construction projects and development schemes getting adversely affected on account of the above notification.